

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 36, line 28 to page 37, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

Another surgical tissue stimulation and sensing system, which is generally represented by reference numeral 50 in Figure 29 includes a tissue stimulation apparatus 300, a suction source 402 and a tissue stimulation and sensing probe 616. The tissue stimulation apparatus 300 and a suction source 402 are described above. The exemplary tissue stimulation and sensing probe 616 includes a suction device 618 that carries a pair of stimulation electrodes 604 and is supported on the distal end of a flexible tube 620. The proximal end of the flexible tube 620 is connected to a handle 622. The suction device 616 is connected to the suction source 402 by way of a lumen 624 that extends through the flexible tube 620 and a flexible tube 406 that is connected to the proximal end of the handle 622 by a connector 626 such as, for example, the illustrated Luer connector. When the suction source 402 is actuated, the suction ~~device~~ 602 device 618 will fix the stimulation electrodes 604 against the target tissue.